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**REVOLUTIONARY PENSION DECLARATIONS
FROM PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA.**

(FROM COPIES ON FILE AT PITTSYLVANIA C. H.
CHATHAM, VA.

JOHN SMITH.

State of Virginia,
Pittsylvania County.

On the 17th day of September 1832, personally appeared before the County Court of Pittsylvania John Smith a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 88 years, who on his oath made the following declaration,—

That he was drafted in the Virginia Militia under Capt. James Brewer of the County of Pittsylvania in the year 1781—the names of the lieutenant & ensign he does not recollect, that he marched first to Halifax Co. House in the State of Virginia where he met the regular Army under the command of Gen'ls Greene & Stephens—thence he marched with the main Army by the Red House in the County of Caswell in the State of N. C. and by the High Rock on Dan River in the State of North Carolina to the battle of Guilford in that State. In that battle he was in the company of Captain Black, his former captain (Brewer) under whom he was drafted having returned home. After the battle of Guilford Capt. Black was discharged & William Dix became his Captain. He then marched from the battle ground with the main army under General Green to the head waters of Rocky River—thence down that river to its confluence with Deep River in the state of N. C.—thence down Deep River as far as the neighborhood of Chatham Co. House in North Carolina. On Deep River he left Genl. Green with the main army & he marched with Col. Cocke to Haw River in N. Carolina. There he left Col. Cocke and received a discharge from his Capt. Wm. Dix, which discharge is now filed & shown to the Court, dated Mar. 30th, 1781.

He afterwards was drafted under Capt. William Dix in the

fall of the year 1781, and marched immediately to York Town, and remained there with the Army until the Surrender of the British under Cornwallis. From York Town he marched as one of the company who were sent to guard the prisoners at Noland's ferry. On the Rappahannock his Captain William Dix was taken sick and Charles Williams was appointed Captain from whom he received his final discharge now filed and shewn to the Court.

His
JOHN X SMITH.
Mark

JACOB ANDERSON.

Pittsylvania Co.,
State of Va., to wit.

On 22d day of August Personally appeared in open Court Jacob Anderson, a resident of said county & State aforesaid (aged Seventy years) made following declaration on his oath—

That he entered the service of the U. S. drafted in a Company under the Command of Capt. John Marshall and marched about the first of April 1778 in the said Company from the County of Caroline direct to Williamsburg & was stationed at that place forty five days. He does not now recollect any of the Officers or soldiers that were there then, except the Captain that he marched with, that he was discharged at Williamsburg about the 1st of June 1778, that his discharge is lost or mislaid and cannot be found. He does not know any living person that served with him on that tour, the whole time of service rendered including the time of travelling home was upwards of two months.

He again entered the Service of the United States as a Soldier being drafted & marched from the County of Cumberland Some time in the year 1779 in a Company commanded by Capt. Richard Allen, Lieut. Glenn, and Ensign John Daniel—through the County of Goochland and joined Col. Skipwith's [Henry Skipwith] Regiment as well as he now recollects, in the County of Hanover, and then marched to a place called Morben Hill about 17 miles below Richmond, and was Stationed at that Place under Baron Steuben for Sometime but frequently marched

about the Surrounding County untill our term of Service expired, being three months. He does not recollect whether he received a Written discharge or not, but believes they were discharged by entire companies. He has no discharge in his Possession, but the tour of Service is Proved by Charles Allen who was an Orderly Serjeant in the Same Company with him.

He again entered the Service of the United States about the last of August 1781 being drafted as a Soldier and marched from the Said County of Cumberland in a Company of Militia commanded by Capt. Creed Hankins [Haskins] thro the Counties of Powhatan & Prince George to little York and was attached to Col. Skipweth's Regiment, and was Stationed at that Place until Lord Cornwallis Surrendered himself and his Army to General George Washington. He was discharged at that Place by Colo. Skipwith on the 20th of October 1781 the whole time of Service rendered on this tour including the time to travel home was at least two months—his discharge is lost or mislaid but the service rendered on this tour is proved by Charles Allen, who was with him Stationed at the Same place.

He was born in the County of Caroline in the State of Va. He supposes in the year 1760 but has no record of his age—He lived in the County of Caroline when he first entered the service of the U. S. in the year 1778. He moved to the County of Cumberland in the winter of 1779 and lived in that County when he entered the service of the U. S. last & resided in Same County until the year 1784. He then removed to the County of Pittsylvania & has lived there ever since.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforementioned.

His
JACOB X ANDERSON.
Mark

ROBERT FERGUSON.

Pittsylvania Co.,
State of Va.

On this 22d day of August 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of Pitts. now sitting, Robert Ferguson, a resident of

Said County & State aforesaid, aged Seventy Two years, and made the following declaration on his oath—

That he entered the Service of the U. S. some time in the year 1779 as a Substitute for Bozaliel Wier & marched from the County of Pitts. in a Company of Militia commanded by Capt. Witcher to Salisbury in the State of N. C. & joined the N. C. Militia in that place under Colo. Mason, he was stationed there two or three months, then marched to Charlotte in said State N. C. & remained at that place a few days, they were marched from there for some time in various directions untill they arrived at Stone Inlet on coast of S. C. & were stationed near that place until their term of service ended, being Six months, that his discharge is lost & cannot be found. He does not know any person living that was with him in that tour but the Service rendered is Proved by Bozaliel Wier who employed him as his Substitute.

In the Spring 1780 he was employed by Joseph Terry to assist him in driving a Parcel of Cattle into the State of N. C., when they arrived at Wilks Court House about the 15th day of May 1780. He again entered the Service of the U. S. as a Volunteer Soldier, and marched from the Said County of Wilks in State aforesaid in a Company commanded by Capt. Wm. Cleveland & joined the Regiment Commanded by Colo. John Cleveland, that they continued marching in various directions, Sometimes down the Catawba River, not being stationed long at any One Place, they were Principally engaged in Searching for, and taking Torys untill about the first of October, they returned to said Wilks C. H. & were there discharged by Colo. Cleveland, the whole of the time rendered on this tour was at least 4 months & 15 days, his discharge is lost & cannot be found.

About the first of December 1780 he again entered the Service of the United States as a substitute for Wm. Bennett & marched from the County of Pitts., State of Va., in a Company of drafted Militia commanded by Capt. John Winn to the Island Ford on Dan River from there to the great falls on the said Dan River where Danville is now situated, from there they marched to the State of N. C. & joined the Main Army under Gen'l Stephens & Gen'l Lawson, he was then transferred to a Company Commanded by Capt. Wm. Dix and marched with him in the Army

as aforesaid in various directions, not being stationed long at any one place, but sometimes marched nearly all night, untill they met with Lord Cornwallis in the County of Guilford, when a severe Battle was fought, the Americans were defeated in that engagement & retreated to Troublesome Iron Works near Haw River, where they were again Organized and marched from that place under Gen'l Green in Pursuit of the British untill they arrived at Rumseys Mill on Deep River in State of N. C. He was discharged at that Place by Capt. William Dix in month of April 1781, the whole tour of service rendered on this tour is at least four months. His discharge is lost but his service can be proved by James M. Williams, who was a soldier with him at same time & place.

About last of April 1781 he was drafted as a soldier & marched from Co. of Pitts. in a Company of Militia commanded by Capt. Henry Burnett thro' Halifax Co. to Charlotte C. H.—joined the army at that place under Gen'l Lawson, was transferred to a comp'y Commanded by Capt. John Buckley attached to the Regiment commanded by Maj'r Purnell, from there was marched to Prince Edward C. H. & from there through Cumberland Co., crossed James River at Carter's Ferry & continued to march until they came to Dandridges Old field in Hanover County when he was again transferred to a Company commanded by Capt. Wm. Clark. He marched with him under Maj. Purnell in said Army to a place called Morben Hill about 17 miles below Rich., was stationed there several weeks, then marched the whole Army under Baron Steuben, Gen'l Green, Stephens & Lawson to Jamestown; a Battle was fought at that place, after which they went back to Morben Hill where they were stationed until he was discharged by Capt. Wm. Clark about last of July 1781, the whole service rendered on this tour was three months, his discharge is lost & cannot be found but the service Rendered is proved by Leroy Shelton who was a soldier with him in same Companies & at same time.

That as soon as he returned home from Serving the above tour which was in the month of August 1781 he enlisted with Wm. McCraw who was a Deputy Quarter Master for the Southern Army at Peytonsburg Pittsylvania Co. Va., during the war & remained in the service of the U. S.—engaged a waggoner

driving the public teams under the command of the said Wm. McCraw untill after the end of the War, the whole time service rendered under this enlistment was at least one year. His discharge is lost, but his service can be proved by Jas. M. Williams who was in same service with McCraw.

Was born in Co. of Halifax State of Va.—year 1761.

Lived in Pitts. Co. when entered the Service of U. S., & has lived in said Co. ever since.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

His
ROBERT X FERGUSON.
Mark

ABRAHAM CHANEY.

Pitts Co., State of Va.—to wit:

On the 22d day of August 1832 Personally appeared in open court before Dan'l Coleman, Jas. Logan, David H. Clark & Wm. D. Pannill the Court of Pitts. now sitting Abraham Chaney a resident of said county, aged 72 yrs. & made following declaration on his oath—

That he entered the service of the U. S. as a Volunteer Soldier in a company of Militia Commanded by Capt. John Donaldson jr. Lieut Moses Hutchings & Ensign Joseph Williams & marched from the County of Pittsylvania on the 9th day of April 1776 & went thro Franklin Co. crossed the Blue Ridge at Magotty Gap, New River at English's Ferry & continued on to the Islands of Holston River & was stationed on that river in a fort, from that Place, Capt. Donalson with 15 men of whom he was one, went out to search for the Cherokee Indians ranging Principally thro the woods in Various directions for about two weeks when they returned to the same fort where they remained until their tour of duty being for three months expired—When he was discharged by Capt. Donalson at that place in the Month of July 1776, about 300 miles from home making in all the time rendered on this tour including the time to travel home at least 3½ months.

His discharge is lost or mislaid so that it cannot be found but

the Service rendered is proved by Joshua Dodson who was a soldier with him all the time.

He again entered the Service of the U. S. as a soldier in a company of Militia Commanded by the same Capt. John Donalson jr, Lieut. John Gwinn & marched from the said Pittsylvania Co. on 7th day of April 1778 went thro the County of Franklin to Colo. Preston's in Montgomery, remained near his House a few days & marched from there to Hatfield Fort on Stoney Creek near New River in said Co. Montgomery—& was stationed at that place under the said Officers (no other troops being there) until the 12th of Aug. 1778, when he was discharged by Capt. Donalson, the time of this tour being four months & 8 days, his discharge is lost but proved by John Neal and John Forthing who were soldiers with him at that place.

In the winter of 1781 he was drafted as a Militia soldier & marched from the Co. of Pitts. in a Company under the command of Capt. Clements thro the County of Halifax into N. C. to Hillsborough & was there taken sick & Placed in a Hospital near that Place & was confined there two months & 15 days, when he hired his Brother Joseph Chaney to take his place—Joseph was received as a Substitute for him & he was discharged from the service being still sick. His discharge is lost & cannot be found.

Relinquishes pension in other Rolls of Agency.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

his
ABRAM X CHANEY.
mark

DANIEL BRADLEY.

Pitts Co., State of Va.

On 22 day of August 1832, personally appeared in open court before David Clark Wm. L. Pannill & ———, county court of Pitts. now sitting Daniel Bradley, a resident of the Co. of Pitts. & made following declaration—

That he first enlisted & entered the service of the U. S. as a

regular soldier in the 1st Va. Regt. of Southern Army, was enlisted by ensign Belew in Cumberland County Va. where he then resided, on the 1st of July 1780, engaged to serve for 18 Mo's, & was marched by Capt. Alexander Gwthemy from Cumberland Co. to Chesterfield C. H.—the place of rendezvous where he was put under command of Capt. White whose command was attached to the armed force commanded by Col. Campbell, Mulenburg the commanding general, from there he marched under the command of Col. Campbell & Capt. Morton to Guilford C. H. or its neighborhood & was engaged in the Battle of Guilford commanded by Maj. General Greene, from thence after that Battle he marched under Colo. Campbell & Maj. Gen'l Greene & Capt. Morgan, who fell in on the way to ninty-six where he remained 31 days the whole month of May 1781—from thence he marched under the same General officers, Campbell & Greene, skirmishing & taking by the way Scotch lake Fort, Friday's Fort, Thompson's Fort, Augusta Fort, the Blockhouse to Camden where they were stationed for 10 days—from thence he was marched under the same officers, Capt. Morgan, Colo. Campbell & General Greene to the Eutaw Springs, where on the 8th of Sept. 1781, he was engaged in that Battle, from there they reconoitered about that section of the country, checking the enemy, during which time they remained several weeks on the High hills of Santee, the Place of Rendezvous, from there they were marched under Lieut. Greene, Capt. Morgan being wounded at Eutaw Springs to Stone, from thence to Salisbury in N. C. where he was discharged by Lieut. Greene—That his discharge is mislaid or lost, that he has no documentary evidence to prove the facts required.

his
DANIEL X BRADLEY.
mark

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